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This study deals with the three basic forms of co-operation in the U.S.S.R. —agricultural (collective farms), consumers' and industrial producers' co-operatives—and describes their organisational structure and development, main features and objectives, activities and methods of work.

It is pointed out that the activities of the co-operative organisations in the above groups are closely interconnected : the consumers' co-operatives establish a wholesale and retail network in rural areas for trading in manufactured goods and foodstuffs, and develop the processing industry ; the collective farms sell their goods to the consumers' co-operatives ; the producers' co-operatives do the same and buy raw materials sold by the collective farms.

A chapter on co-operative education indicates that extensive educational work is conducted by the consumers' co-operatives, which, in the early part of 1958, were running more than 200 educational establishments. The different types of educational centres, including vocational and trade schools, and the training courses available to the employees of co-operatives are briefly described.

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